

It has two railroads, the Atlantic and North Carolina and the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk, and one navigable river running through it. It also has rich beds of marl and phosphates, with a good fertile soil that yields abundantly all the crops that are grown anywhere this side the Mississippi river, and the people are generally happy and contented.

A great tract of swamp land lies between the Neuse and the White Oak rivers, a large, or the largest portion being in Jones county, and is crowned with a number of small lakes, one being quite large, covering an area of five miles or more, and the others are a little less in size. This region is covered with an inestimable amount of the finest timber of all kinds known in this section of the State. And there is still another important feature to be considered. The pocoson that lies between these two rivers runs northwest and southeast to very near the Duplin line for twenty-five miles, with an average width of about eight miles of as rich land as the Mississippi Valley, and around the lakes covered with a growth of the finest quality of timbers known here. There is still another pocoson known as the Dover pocoson, lying between the counties of Jones and Craven on the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, which is very fertile and heavily timbered.

The soils of this county are of two kinds—the one a light loamy soil, more or less mixed with sand, with a subsoil of gray clay, easy of cultivation, returning good crops of cotton and grain, and an excellent soil for truck farming. It also produces excellent bright tobacco. The other is a heavy loam, underlaid with a substratum of stiff red clay, producing abundantly cotton, grains or tobacco. The fertility is largely due to the presence in the soil of decomposed shells or carbonate of lime. This material is also found undecomposed, in solid masses, often outcropping above the soil and providing an easily accessible building material or material for burning into lime.

Trenton is the county seat, and has a population of over 400.

Jones county has 220,754 acres of land, valued at \$729,754, and 630 town lots, valued at \$54,049.

Of domestic animals there are—630 horses; 725 mules; 503 goats; 4,102 cattle; 11,304 hogs, and 3,028 sheep.

Product of taxation—for State purposes, \$2,239.69; pensions, \$455.66; schools, \$3,809.90; county, \$5,600.32.

Population—white, 3,885; colored, 3,518; total, 7,403.

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Lenoir county lies on the lower course of the Neuse, east of Wayne. The northern half consists of level piny uplands of the same general character as those of the counties adjoining it on the north, while in its western and northern parts there are wide tracts of level semi-swamp lands, which are characterized by a dark fine loam of great fertility. The southern half of the county, south of the Neuse, is characterized generally by a more sandy soil. The water courses in this half of the county are also bordered by cypress and gum swamps, and, to some extent, by oak and pine flats. Shell marl